

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In another aspect, the present invention is directed to a process for producing alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylates comprising the steps of:

- A) alkylating salicylic acid with a linear α -olefin comprising at least 14 carbon atoms in the presence of a strong acid catalyst to form an oil soluble alkylated salicylic acid;
- B) reacting the oil soluble alkylated salicylic acid with a previously overbased detergent selected from the group consisting of overbased alkali or alkaline earth sulfonates, phenates, or carboxylates, e.g., calcium sulfonate, to produce alkali or alkaline earth salicylate

Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 8, line 18, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In yet another aspect, the present invention is directed to an alkali metal or alkaline earth metal salicylate produced by a process comprising the steps of:

- A) alkylating salicylic acid with a linear α -olefin comprising at least 14 carbon atoms in the presence of a strong acid catalyst to form an oil soluble alkylated salicylic acid;
- B) reacting the oil soluble alkylated salicylic acid with a previously overbased detergent selected from the group consisting of overbased alkali or alkaline earth sulfonates, phenates, or carboxylates, e.g., calcium sulfonate, to produce alkali or alkaline earth salicylate salts comprising varying percentages of dispersed alkali or alkaline earth carbonate salts.

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Please replace the following paragraph beginning on page 14, line 13, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A dispersant is an optional component of the process and product for the overbased detergent. One useful dispersant is the reaction product of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid or anhydride with amines containing at least one primary or secondary amino nitrogen, e.g., the polyalkylene polyamines fulfill this requirement as do the substituted polyalkylene polyamines, and for that matter, ammonia. The bis-succinimides are also useful as optional dispersants. The bis-succinimides are prepared by the reaction of hydrocarbyl-substituted succinic acid or anhydride with an amine containing at least two primary and/or secondary nitrogens. Such bis-succinimides are, for example, the polyisobutenyl bis-succinimides of ethylene diamine, diethylene ~~triamine~~ triamine, or triethylene tetramine, or tetraethylene pentamine or N-methyldipropylene triamine, etc. (e.g., Benoit, U.S. Pat. No. 3,438,899). The various above-described dispersing agents can be used alone or in mixtures.